

Johnson's Worry Over Jumping to Feds Cost Him Fifteen Pounds Weight

GRIFFITH TELLS OF JOHNSON'S LOSS AND RECAPTURE

Says Star Pitcher Worried So He Lost 15 Pounds in Weight and Then Jumped Back to Senators at Lower Salary.

COFFEYVILLE, Kas., Dec. 21.—Snowbound on his farm near here, Walter Johnson said over the telephone he might entertain Pres't Gilmore's proposition to make a trip to Chicago at the expense of the Federals to submit his contract to three attorneys to be chosen by disinterested persons, but could not make a definite statement until he received Pres't Gilmore's message.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Walter Johnson signed a Federal league contract in a huff and then worried so much about it that he lost 15 pounds in weight, and finished by signing a new Washington contract for \$2,000 a year less than was promised him by the Chicago Fed's, according to Mr. Clarke Griffith's story of the loss and recapture of the Washington pitcher.

The pilot of the Senators is in Chicago, coming from Kansas City, where he signed Johnson up for three years, and was in conference with Pres't Johnson of the American league and Comiskey of the White Sox, early today.

The real reason for Griffith's tarrying in Chicago probably is to meet Col. Ruppert and Capt. Huston, prospective owners of the New York league club, who are to be here today, and may be desirous of obtaining one of the Senators, possibly Mr. Griffith himself.

Pres't Johnson denied the existence of a deadlock in the deal for the New York Yankees, and said he expected to meet Col. Ruppert and Capt. Huston here today, but probably would be able to report only progress.

What Griffith Said.

Regarding Walter Johnson, Griffith said:

"When Walter signed with the Federals we immediately notified him that he was not a chance for him to pitch for the Federals next season because his contract with us was legally binding for 1915 and he agreed finally that if I could prove that to his satisfaction he would reconsider. We met in Kansas City and left it to the lawyers whom he accepted. No, they were not Washington lawyers, but westerners. They convinced him that the contract was legal and he signed for three years at the terms we had already offered him.

"You can figure it out for yourself what it cost him. He could have signed for \$3,500 a year more if he had signed last summer, and that contract was for five years, while the new one is for three. What the conditions will be at the end of three years no one can tell, but we were willing to gamble on that in the original five-year contract."

Gilmore Waits Answer.

Pres't J. A. Gilmore today awaited an answer to the scathing telegram he sent to Walter Johnson Sunday. Gilmore insisted Johnson owes it to the sporting public to offer whatever reasons he may have for signing with Griffith. The Federal president ridiculed the statement that Johnson was convinced that Washington had a legal right to his services before he signed.

In his telegram Gilmore asked Johnson to come here for a conference with three legal authorities to be selected by the sporting editors of the three morning newspapers. The object of the confab would be merely to convince the pitcher that his contract with the Chicago Feds is legally binding and that Washington had no right to dicker with him after he had consented to play with the Weeghman team.

ACCEPTS TERMS.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—Both Mike Gibbons and Jimmy Clabby have accepted terms to box here Jan. 21. Articles will be signed Monday by the managers of the boxers.

TEAMS STILL IN RACE FOR HONORS

OLIVER LEAGUE.		
Assembly	26	16
Purchasing	25	17
Main Office	21	21
Production	20	22
Powdery	19	24
Patterns	18	24

WALTHER.		
Athletics	22	11
Federals	21	12
Standards	18	15
Giants	18	15
Ramblers	15	18
Seniors	14	19
Interstates	13	20
Neversweats	11	22

STUDEBAKER.		
Studebakers	8	4
Tops	8	4
Hubs	7	5
Bolsters	7	5
Tongues	7	5
Tires	7	5
Spokes	5	7
Hounds	4	8
Reaches	1	11

TRIO.		
Cylinders	10	2
Tops	8	4
Penders	7	5
Starters	6	6
Pistons	6	6
Carburetors	4	8
Windshields	3	9
Horns	3	9

GAMES THIS WEEK.

Monday—Pattern vs. Purchasing.
Tuesday—Production, Assembly vs. Main Office.

Wednesday—Standards vs. Interstates.
Thursday—Neversweats vs. Federals.

Friday—Federal League.
Saturday—Orphans vs. Fawns.

HOW THE BOWLING TEAMS FINISHED

Several bowling leagues finished their schedules last week and here are the final standings:

FEDERAL LEAGUE.		
Bucktails	24	18
Fawns	23	19
Orphans	23	19
Tails	22	20
Antlers	20	22
Elks	20	22
Bucks	18	24
Federals	18	24

ELKS' LEAGUE.		
Hoofs	26	16
Jewels	25	17
Horns	22	20
Hairs	20	22
Charms	20	22
Stags	18	24
Tylers	17	25

ANTLERS.		
Bills	27	15
Toasts	24	18
Factors	23	19
Prongs	17	25
Deers	16	26

C. A. CLUB.		
Athletics	31	11
Colts	28	14
Singers	25	17
C. A. C's	22	20
Braves	19	23
Giants	15	27
Stars	12	27
Cubs	10	28

FACTORY.		
Watch Co.	29	16
Ball Bands	26	19
Quads	26	19
Studebakers	22	23
Dodgers	21	24
Singers	11	34

TRIBUNE.		
Pen Pushers	23	13
Mats	21	15
Quads	17	19
Nonpareils	11	25

SAM M'VEA GETS VERDICT

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 21.—Sam McVea, the Parisian negro won from Harry Wills, the local negro heavyweight, at the end of 20 rounds at the New West Side A. C. Sunday.

McVea's slashing offensive throughout the whole of the fight won him the verdict. The French negro won nine of the rounds, six were Wills, while the other five were even. Both men tried desperately for knockouts, but neither could score.

LOWEST TEAM IS FIRST TO ENTER IN CITY CONTEST

Tylers of Elks' League Are Out After Honors—Mishawaka Bowlers Will Be Allowed to Compete.

Every indication points to the city tournament, which is inaugurated at the Elks' temple next Saturday evening to be the largest in the history of the institution. The entries close next Thursday evening and every bowling organization in South Bend has promised representation. It is singular that the first entry received was from a team finishing lowest in the percentage column at the Elks' temple, namely the Tylers in the Elks' league, who forwarded their entry on Wednesday.

Because of the state tournament to be held in Mishawaka next April and May, South Bend bowlers have been there, Mishawaka bowlers have been invited to participate in the tournament, and it is believed many of the pin knights of our neighboring city will take part. One of the singular angles of the early stages of the year's local classic is that the Neversweats of the Walther league, have not yet entered, as they have always been the first. A special prize has been added this year by the Brunswick-Balke Co. for the winning team, which will be on exhibition during the tournament.

Many Leagues Finish.

Nearly all of the leagues in the city finished their fall schedule during the past week, and in nearly every one of them the honors of the several organizations devolved upon the results of the final series. While there were but two clubs involved, great interest centered in the finale of the Elks' league, where the Jewels and Hoofs were tied, and were scheduled to battle for supremacy. It proved to be a splendid engagement for the first two encounters, each club winning a game, leaving the final game to determine the champions.

This proved disastrous to the Jewels as on the first ball Charlie Birk, one of the stars of the team, injured himself in the delivery of the ball in the first frame, compelling him to retire, which took the heart out of the rest of the team, and the Hoofs had a walkaway. The winners proved their gameness as they started at the bottom and worked themselves to the top in a consistent manner. One of the surprises of the season was the work of the Tylers, who occupied attention among the leaders during the greater part of the season and lost out in the stretch, almost falling out of the league.

One of the features of the Elks' league was the finishing of the Charms with a perfect attendance record, the only club performing such faithfulness at the temple. This is exceptionally meritorious because the club was anchored with the trailers nearly all season and managed to finish in a tie with the Hairs and Teeth in fourth place in the last two weeks' work.

Federal Leagues Close Well.

An exciting finish was staged in the Federal league, where several teams had a chance at the flag. An error was committed in the compiling of the records of the previous week, in which the Bucktails showed a 2-2 record in two games. It was well that this discrepancy existed as this club won the honors by a single game. Even then had the Tails rolled true to the advance hope and turned in a 3-1 record, the Bucktails would have won the title would have existed at the close of the regular schedule.

But the Bucktails upset all of these things by winning the first game from the Tails, which put the latter out of the prize list and left the Fawns and Orphans in a tie for second and third places, which will be determined by a special contest between the two clubs on Tuesday night of this week. The race for the season was the closest of any ever contested in the city, not excepting the many tight finishes for which the Studebaker league has become famous. Only six games separated the first and last teams when the final bell came and

the winning Bucktails finished far in rear of the 500 mark, which is customary of winning teams.

Bills Win Antlers' Honors.

The Bills carried off the laurels in the Antlers' league with a little margin to spare, a condition they created during the last three weeks of the schedule season. For the greater part of the season the fight was between the Bills, Tusks and Toasts, the three teams opening a gap between themselves and the other half of the league. The three clubs alternated in the occupation of the honored position but the faithfulness of the crew of Capt. Bernhardt eventually prevailed.

The bitter struggle in the Factory league terminated last week with the Watchmakers carrying off the plum. This organization had a splendid season as four teams, the Dodgers, Ball Bands, Orphans and Watchmakers all had their noses in front at different stages of the race but the Watchmakers proved their superiority in the stretch and won with a good margin to spare. Apparently the poor showing of the Singers this season. Last year they battled with the leaders throughout but this year they were badly battered, never having a chance after the first weeks' of play.

Athletics Win in a Walk.

Because of the enormous lead obtained during the early stages of the season it was no trouble for the Athletics to capture the cup in the C. A. Club league. The C. A. C's and Singers threatened for a time but they were rather easily disposed of. The surprise of the league was the team of the Hoofs, who were anchored during the first five weeks of the season. But they came on with a rush, scaring the eventual winners badly and themselves landing in second place.

A lopsided percentage column was the order of things in the Tribune league all season as the Pen Pushers gained a prohibitive lead early in the fray and were never headed. It is remarkable that the league finished as well as it did under existing conditions.

Schedules Still Running.

In the Oliver league the present schedule will be concluded this evening, unless the Assemblies should be tied with the Purchasing club. The former lead by a small margin, with a chance of being dethroned.

Two more leagues of games remain on the fall schedule of the Walther league. The clubs have played havoc with the percentage column this season with the exception of the Neversweats, who only once threatened to leave the cellar, but were unsuccessful.

Four weeks of play having been concluded in the Studebaker and Trio leagues a two-weeks' vacation will begin this week. During this period a tournament consisting of singles and doubles has been arranged for. However, this is to be confined entirely to members of the two leagues.

A splendid race has been inaugurated in the Studebaker league, where the Studebakers and Skins are tied for first place, leading the Bolsters, who Rims and Tongues just one game behind them. If this condition continues much longer this league will retain its reputation for tight races. Only one thing mars the pleasant color of the contest, and that is the poor showing of the Reaches, who have won but a single game this season.

Entirely different faces are at the head of the Trio league than those who were in control last season. One of the features are the Tops, who were hopelessly lost last season but are pressing the leaders now.

The two-men team prizes at the Elks' temple were won by Staples and Burkart with 1,236, the lowest scores posted for that event since its inception.

Seimeller showed the highest individual score of the week for the Plantists cigars, rolling 257 flat and a handicap of seven.

C. A. C. LEAGUE.		
Haeske	164	145
Fox	112	105
Hibberd	138	180
Brugger	134	177
Adler	162	122
Handicap	151	151

Totals	861	890
Conquillard	132	191
Livengood	148	148
Solarek	158	180
White	167	156
Christman	112	105
Paxson	138	180
Handicap	206	182
Totals	893	931

LEAGUE PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING

Southern Michigan Owners to Convene at Jackson and Eight Team Circuit is Expected to be Arranged.

Developments of vital importance to minor league baseball in Indiana and Michigan are expected at the gathering of the Southern Michigan moguls in Jackson today. The outcome of the meeting means much to the baseball fans of the two states who are anxiously awaiting word as to whether the Southern Michigan will go into action again in 1915.

Disaster attended many of the minor leagues throughout the country last season. The Central league is on its "uppers" and the prospects for Hielbronner's circuit are hazy to say the least. The outlook for the Southern Michigan is much brighter but this circuit is still wandering under a cloud. So, much depends upon what action is taken by the Frankmen at Jackson today.

Ed Smith, vice president of the S. M. circuit and owner of the South Bend club left for Jackson Sunday night. He was anxious to be on hand early as he is now taking a prominent part in the affairs of the circuit. Bay City is fighting Pres't Frank while Smith is acting as the mediator. In this capacity he is expected to bring about a solution of the difficulties which are facing the league at this time.

Saginaw and Bay City will be represented today by Smith. Jackson, Flint and Toledo will be represented by Pres't Frank while Lansing and Mr. Clemens will probably be represented by Jack Morrissey. Battle Creek, Adrian and Kalamazoo are expected to be on hand when the session convenes early this morning.

There is a probability that the solution of the tangle will be the resignation of Pres't Frank as the league executive. It is understood that Bay City will never return to the fold with the Jackson man at the head of the league. Frank "got in bad" with the Beaver owners and fans during the later part of the past season following a riot at the Bay City hall park. Since that time the Bay City aggregation has held a grudge against the executive which has been difficult to eliminate.

Ed Smith is expected to be the savior of the day. He has the good will of the Bay City club and the respect of the other magnates because of his past successes in baseball circles. That he will bring about a reconciliation of the opposing forces in the league is the hope of the more conservative members who are anxious for a continuation of the league. Some hot debates are anticipated at the session of the magnates today but it is believed that the meeting will eventually result in the complete organization of an eight club circuit. Just what the complexion of this league will be is not clear at this time but it is expected that eight of the old clubs with probably the substitution of a new town will compose the roster.

Smith stated before leaving for Jackson that prospects for a fast team in South Bend were excellent. With the exception of Green, center-fielder, Ed has heard from every member of the South Bend team. Beall, Korfhaug, Williams, Loudermilk, Diem, Broder and other members of the 1914 team have written the owner expressing their anxiety to return to him this spring.

N. D. TO PLAY INDIANS

LAWRENCE, Kas., Dec. 21.—A contract was signed today for the second meeting of the Haskell Indians and Notre Dame football teams in 1915. The teams will play in South Bend on Oct. 19. Plans were discussed for transferring the game to Chicago, but it was decided to wait another year.

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O'er pulseless dead and shattered bones.
And shall we forget? Nay, who can forget
The hate and hell of it all?
Shall we slight our own while the widowed moan
And men and kingdoms fall?
Shall our hearts go out unto all alike
Or, lapse unto idle sorrow;
Shall we give love and cheer unto all who are near—
A blest and a joyous morrow?
Shall we grieve with the stricken o'er their dead
Or rise unto love all the more?
Shall we give our hearts' best that our own be blest
As never we gave before?

Yea, Peace shall come when our hearts are kind,
Not before, oh, world, not before;
Shall we strew the way with love's blossoms today
All the more,—yea, all the more?

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